Dewan.—This question was brought up last year and the Government decided that the Munsiff's Court at Krishnapuram could not be shifted from there. The Government do not see reasons to re-consider the decision.

The Member next advanced arguments for establishing a sub-treasury at Kayankulam. If, by the establishment of a sub-treasury at Kayankulam, the work in the treasuries of Karunagapalli and Mavelikara would get reduced, he said that a clerk from each of those treasuries could be posted to the proposed treasury at Kayankulam and the cost thereby lessened. He again pressed the question on the attention of the Government.

He then referred to the construction of a well in the town, sanctioned by the Government, and said that the work was not yet taken up.

Dewan.—The Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, has been instructed to see that the well is constructed soon.

The Member then said that the delay in the construction of the boat basin and landing ghats, sanctioned for the town, caused great inconvenience to the people.

Dewan.—This work ranks as the 15th in the programme of public works for the Quilon Division, and will be taken up in that order.

The Member said that, if funds were not available now, the allotment for the maintenance of the village roads in the taluk might be diverted for the purpose.

Lastly, he urged the necessity for the following public works:—

(1) Metalling of the Alleppey–Quilon road from Karunagapalli to Nangiarkulangara.

(2) Repair of the bridge over the Kayankulam canal or, if it was not now possible, the dismantling of the bridge to avoid danger to the public.

(3) Conversion of the pathway through the eastern bazaar into a cart road and its extension to the canal.

(4) Opening of a new road from the northern extremity of the western bazaar as far as the canal on the eastern side of the landing ghat.

(5) Conversion into a cart road of the lane to the west of the western bazaar.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

100. Needs of the Town Improvement Committee, Mavelikara.

Mr. K. Krishna Panikkan (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) said that the water in the big tank on the northern side of the temple and road was bad and could not be used even for communal purposes. He requested that the tank should be improved.

Dewan.—A report has been called for from the Peishkar in respect of this and two other tanks in the town.

The Member said that he was referring particularly to the Valiakulam. The people had now to go to the river at a distance of a mile every day for bathing purposes. There was a canal connecting the tank with the river. If the canal were improved, it was easy to supply good water to the tank from the river.

He also urged the desirability of appointing non-official members as the Presidents of Committees wherever the Government found them fit for holding the office.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

101. Mercantile interests and the Alleppey Town Improvement Committee.

Mr. Kanji Vissenji (Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey) said that the Town Improvement Committee insisted on separate licenses being taken for all the store-houses in which they stored copra, coir, oil, and other articles, in the course of transmission

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to the go-downs for export. That practice was undesirable and unjust as it caused infinite trouble and loss to the traders. He requested that the practice might be ordered to be stopped as early as possible.

In view of the large interests of the mercantile population in the town, he suggested that there should be at least five merchant members on the Committee. The number of members might be raised from 9 to 13 for that purpose. The merchant members should be elected by the merchants alone, or they might be nominated by the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

102. Suggestions for the improvement of the town of Vaikam.

Mr. S. Subrahmanya Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vaikam) said that Vellal members were very few in the Assembly and requested that one from the community should be nominated every year. Proceeding to his subject, he said that the bridge over the Puthenthodu should be repaired. Some amount was spent on it last year but the bridge was still shaky. The roads in front of the eastern and southern gates of the temple leading to Puthenthodu and Arattukadavu should be gravelled. The roads around the temple were now under the control of the Maramat Department which paid no attention to their repairs. Those roads might be transferred to the control of the Committee with the funds allotted for their maintenance. There was a big rut on the road to the north of the temple and it was left unattended to for the last two or three years.

Dewan.—The Peishkar will attend to the repairs to the roads at once.

The Member continued and said that the lane from the bridge over the Puthenthodu, passing by the side of the Cutcherry to the market, should be removed of its encroachments for the use of the people going to the market. He then requested that it should be tried whether the outlet constructed at great cost for bailing out water from the temple tank could at least be used for carrying away the *Kadi* from the temple. The canal leading to the northern tank should be improved. The Pathrakulam to the east of the Homapura should also be repaired and the water hyacinth in it removed and destroyed.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-25 P. M.

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